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For : CONTROL CIRCUITS AND
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TRANSITIONS IN A
WATERCRAFT
Examiner : Stephen P. Avila
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with EIGHT (8) references submitted pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 724.02 in a sealed envelope, which is properly labeled.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$180 to cover the above fee is enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing eight references that are also enclosed.

Applicant's counsel has been notified that the National Marine Electronics Association considers the enclosed standard to be proprietary. Accordingly, the enclosed materials are submitted in accordance with the provision of M.P.E.P. § 724. Applicant, however, is not taking a position as to the confidential or proprietary nature of the materials by this submission.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

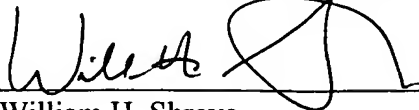
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FORM PTO-1449

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Main Document; Version 1.000, September 12, 2001; @NMEA 1999, 2000, 2001
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix A; Version 1.000; September 12, 2001; @NMEA 1999, 2000, 2001
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix B; @NMEWA 1999, 2000, 2001
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix C; Version 1.000, September 12, 2001, @NMEA 1999, 2000, 2001
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix D; Version 1.000, September 12, 2001, @NMEA 1999, 2000, 2001
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix E; ISO 11783-5 Network Management
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix F; ISO 11783-3 DataLink Layer
	NMEA 2000; Standard for Serial Data Networking of Marine Electronic Devices; Appendix G; ISO 11898 Controller Area Network

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